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✓ Serial No. 09/741,824

In the matter of the Application of: Kazuhisa KASHIHARA, et al.

For: ARRAYED WAVEGUIDE GRATING TYPE OPTICAL
MULTIPLEXER/DEMULTIPLEXER AND OPTICAL WAVEGUIDE
CIRCUIT

Due Date: N/A

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- Petition for Consideration under 37 C.F.R. § 1.181(a)(3)
- Copy of Filing Receipt Dated March 16, 2004
- Copy of Information Disclosure Statement filed March 16, 2004
- Copy of PTO-1449 filed March 16, 2004



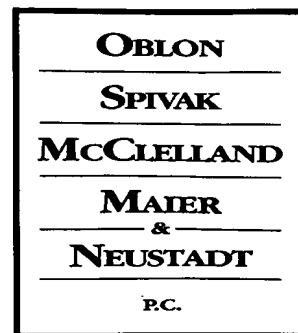
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RE: Application Serial No.: 09/741,824
Applicants: Kazuhisa KASHIHARA, et al.
Filing Date: December 22, 2000
For: ARRAYED WAVEGUIDE GRATING TYPE
OPTICAL MULTIPLEXER/DEMULTIPLEXER AND
OPTICAL WAVEGUIDE CIRCUIT
Group Art Unit: 2874
Examiner: PALMER, P.

SIR:

Attached hereto for filing are the following papers:

PETITION FOR CONSIDERATION UNDER 37 CFR 1.181 (a)(3)
COPY OF DATE-STAMPED FILING RECEIPT DATED March 16, 2004
COPY OF INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENTS FILED March 16, 2004
COPY OF FORM PTO 1449 FILED March 16, 2004

Our check in the amount of \$0.00 is attached covering any required fees. In the event any variance exists between the amount enclosed and the Patent Office charges for filing the above-noted documents, including any fees required under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 for any necessary Extension of Time to make the filing of the attached documents timely, please charge or credit the difference to our Deposit Account No. 15-0030. Further, if these papers are not considered timely filed, then a petition is hereby made under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 for the necessary extension of time. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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SIR:

This is a Petition pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.181 (a)(3) requesting that the examiner be instructed by the Commissioner or his representative to notify the applicant of the proper consideration of the Information Disclosure Statements (IDS) that were filed on March 16, 2004.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

On March 16, 2004, the applicant filed a Statements under 37 CFR § 1.97. This filing is clearly documented by the attached copy of the associated date-stamped Mail Room receipt and a copy of the PTO Form 1449. The PTO has not responded to the IDS filings by supplying the applicant with a copy of the PTO Form 1449 properly initialed by the examiner in clear violation of the rules.

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POINT FOR REVIEW

The point for review is why the applicant has not been provided a copy of the above-noted PTO Form 1449 properly initialed by the examiner in correspondence with the rules.

ACTION REQUESTED

In light of the above, it is respectfully requested that the examiner be directed to provide the applicant with a copy of the above-noted PTO Form 1449 properly initialed by the examiner.

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- Cited References (8)
- Search Report EUROPEAN
- PTO-1449



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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.97

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SIR:

Applicant(s) wish to disclose the following information.

REFERENCES

- ☒ The applicant(s) wish to make of record the references cited in the attached European Search Report listed on the attached form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed references are attached, where required, as are either statements of relevancy or any readily available English translations of pertinent portions of any non-English language references.
- ☐ A check or credit card payment form is attached in the amount required under 37 CFR §1.17(p).

RELATED CASES

- ☐ Attached is a list of applicant's pending application(s) or issued patent(s) which may be related to the present application. A copy of the patent(s), together with a copy of the claims and drawings of the pending application(s) is attached along with PTO 1449.
- ☐ A check or credit card payment form is attached in the amount required under 37 CFR §1.17(p).

CERTIFICATION

- ☒ Each item of information contained in this information disclosure statement was first cited in any communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this statement.
- ☐ No item of information contained in this information disclosure statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application or, to the knowledge of the undersigned, having made reasonable inquiry, was known to any individual designated in 37 CFR §1.56(c) more than three months prior to the filing of this statement.

DEPOSIT ACCOUNT

- ☒ Please charge any additional fees for the papers being filed herewith and for which no check or credit card payment is enclosed herewith, or credit any overpayment to deposit account number 15-0030. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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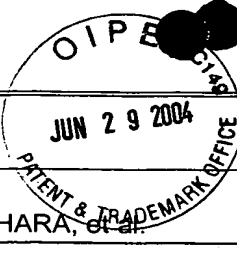
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